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"Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

ANVIL CHORUS

"The Difficult Thing May Be Done Right Away. The Impossible Takes a Little Longer."

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PLOMB KIDS SAT. DEC. 16

SOME "PERSONALS" FROM PERSONNEL

Sherman Miller—Personnel Director



Now that Thanksgiving week-end and the U.S.C.-U.C.L.A. football game is ancient history, I'm sure we can all get down to the serious business of staying on the job regularly until this war is over.

Regarding this subject,

I heard one of our boys make a clever remark as he was studying Tom Allen's instructions on the withholding tax the other day, and I quote him as saying, "I wonder if you can class that horse that I have been supporting out at Hollywood Park as a dependent". I got a good laugh out of this, but still it made me wonder how much our employees might be paying out to the support of that race track.

We don't know how many of our absentees are being hit by the racing "bug", but we do know that absenteeism is again becoming a serious problem here.

Because of the pressure of war-time and the need of conserving every hour of the working ability of men and women, it is absolutely essential that every employee put in his maximum efforts to keep himself in the best of physical condition.

Our Medical Department can supply you with vaccine to help combat the flu bug, and we can supply you with bonds if you are anxious to enlarge that bank roll. In this way you are investing in the future rather than helping to make it a gamble.

WE SHOULD PRAY WITH AS MUCH EARNESTNESS AS THOSE WHO EXPECT EVERYTHING FROM GOD: WE SHOULD ACT WITH AS MUCH ENERGY AS THOSE WHO EXPECT EVERYTHING FROM THEMSELVES.

DON'T WRITE — WIRE

Hope Kilburn

Do you remember the happy days when Western Union used those words for a slogan? Then you could wire "happy birthday" — "congratulations on your fifth wedding anniversary" — "may your Easter be a joyous one". It is true that occasionally a four-star wire was among these, announcing that "Aunt Jane passed away today, etc., etc." Those messages were sufficiently rare, however, as to create little if any dread of the sight of the Western Union boy.

Today it is different. Today every mother, wife or sister of a boy in service turns cold at the sight of the little yellow envelope. Even if its contents are innocent, and merely announce the pending arrival of a relative, the damage has been done.

Our hearts go out to **NELS NELSON** and his family at this time, because they are the recipients of a yellow envelope, the contents of which were not innocent. We sincerely hope that by the time this is printed in the Anvil Chorus, a follow-up wire will have been received, changing that "missing in action" to "safe at home."

In the meantime, all of us who know Nels, and have heard him speak so proudly of his boys in the Air, can stop and do some very serious thinking. It could have been you who received that telegram, and you have no guarantee that it won't still be you.

PLEASE — let's close the gap between struggle and victory. Do your part — EVERY day, ALL day. Realize that every second you toss heedlessly into the past, has brought some family that dreaded and never to be forgotten telegram.

LUCILLE BOZAJIAN wishes to thank the Welfare Committee for their kindness in remembering her with lovely flowers during her recent illness.

The Christmas Party once more will prove to Plomb kids that in spite of war on five continents Santa Claus can still fly down from the North Pole and meet his subjects with the same old jovial greetings and his big bag of toys and goodies.

Entertainment is already being lined up so that there won't be a dull moment all day. It is hoped that we can get candy and ice cream for everybody who comes to the party, and recordings to provide music in the evening for the grown-ups who want to dance. That's what we HOPE to do. What we actually CAN do remains to be seen. However, as always, the impossible will be accomplished by the Plomb team to whom there are no obstacles that can't be overcome.

If YOU are asked to serve on a committee to help in the preparations we know you will pitch in gladly to make this Christmas gathering bigger and better than any we have held to date. This will probably be the last Christmas party we will hold under war conditions. We are all hoping that next year we may call it a "Victory Party" and celebrate Christmas 1945 in its truest sense — bringing "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men." This is what our boys and girls in the Armed Services are fighting for — to relight the lamp of democracy throughout Christendom that children the world over may celebrate the Yule season in joyous gladness and men and women may walk in freedom for all time.



NOW YOU'VE HAD YOUR TURKEY, LET'S COOK HITLER'S GOOSE.

BUY AN EXTRA BOND. SOUND TAPS FOR THE JAPS.



PEOPLE IN THE PLOMB PARADE

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COMING EVENTS

BOWLING

Every Thursday night at **SOUTH-EAST** Bowling Alley, 7023 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park.

DEPARTMENT PARTIES

The Club House is at the disposal of any department for parties in the evening. Beer and coca cola and coffee are available. Large refrigerator is at your service.

Plomb girls may also arrange noon-time gatherings. Tables will be provided. Coca-Cola, sandwiches, coffee and soft drinks on hand at all times.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

The following employees earned Anniversary Pins during the past week:

Office—
INES SCALLA 3 years
Factory—
ANDY DeLAUR 5 years
LEE MATOUSH 3 years
Chicago Plant—
CLYDE DAVIS 2 years

CHICAGO NEWS

Willard Nelson

The **GIRLS OF PLOMB TOOL** which includes the Machine Shop, Inspection and Assembling Departments, headed by "Marge" Balcaitis, raised the sum of \$12.50 for the Phone Fund Drive of the Times ewspaper, which is going on in Chicago.

This drive enables wounded veterans at Military Hospitals to call home, letting their families know of their arrival in this country. Under this plan, free, five minute calls are put through each day.

The Phone Home Service at Vaughan and Gardener Hospitals are financed by this fund. All contributions are gratefully acknowledged. It is a wonderful cause and the boys appreciate and thank every one of you.

IRMA FIEBERG of the Machine Shop celebrated a birthday on Nov. 26th. Saturday, Nov. 25th, she brought down a birthday cake for everyone to enjoy.

HELEN SELLAR of Inspection is back with us after her trip to Philadelphia which she enjoyed very much.

JASPER ALLEN is laid up at the West Suburban Hospital with Varicose Veins in his legs. We hope Jasper gets well soon.

SYLVIA LaNASA has returned home after a visit with her soldier husband, Sam in So. Carolina.

JOE KEMP of Maintenance Department is in the Hospital for treatment of an old ailment. We wish him a speedy return.

FRED PEARSON wishes to express his appreciation for the flowers which the Welfare Committee sent to his home during the week he was away. "A man never knows how many friends he has until he is removed from their midst for a little while." As the proverb puts it: "We can live without our neighbors but not without our friends." You have a lot of them, Fred.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.

Norma Hogan

As most everyone at Plomb knows, Gerrie Riggins of the mailing department was hit by a car while crossing the street in front of the plant last Tuesday evening after work. We are glad to tell you that she is only suffering from bruises and a sprained back and will return to work shortly.

PATTY GELDERMANN has left us because of ill health. Recently she received a letter from the Adjutant General's Office as follows:

Mrs. Patsy R. Geldermann

I have the honor to inform you that by direction of the President, an Air Medal has been awarded to your husband, Sergeant Kenneth E. Geldermann, Air Corps. The citation is as follows:

AIR MEDAL

"For exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in sustained bomber combat operations over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this enlisted man upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Edward E. Witsell,

Brig. Gen. acting Adjutant General

The award will be given to Patty as her husband is still a prisoner of war in Germany.

VERNA WILLIAMS is the new file clerk and we welcome her into the Plomb organization.

Help Win the War
BUY MORE BONDS

PRESIDENT'S Editorial



LET'S HAVE A PLOMB BOOK CLUB

by
M. B. P.

Everyone of you are corresponding with men overseas and men in American Army camps and Navy establishments and know, as well as I do, how much these people appreciate our every expression of thoughtfulness.

Occasionally we need to be reminded of the viewpoints of some of them and some of the angles that they write about. I'm taking the liberty of sharing with you some of the mail that comes in here which has not otherwise been published in the "Anvil Chorus".

A merchant seaman who transported boys in the European invasion said, "I stood on deck and watched those young boys march into hell without a thought of whether they would ever return. Every American citizen should have to see what I saw—they would never make another complaint about food, transportation, or wages. They would get in there and fight like those young kids are fighting".

A Sea-Bee from the South Pacific writes: "The statement that you made that you would cook steaks for a week when all us monkeys get home, read mighty good to us, but tell me—What is a steak?"

A young Marine wrote from the South Pacific, "If some of those guys who are griping over there and think nothing but strike, strike, strike, had to eat what we eat, sleep where we sleep—If we sleep—stand hour after hour in swamp and slush waiting for some slant-eyed devil to make an appearance from a cave, they would be damn glad to stay in there and fight until this game is won".

From a Naval Hospital comes this note, "It gets pretty tiresome, but I guess I should be grateful that I am as well off as I am. If more people could follow your example, writing letters, sending comic strips and such, it would make it a lot easier on the boys who are fighting".

The specific suggestion that I wish to make is that we establish a Plomb Book Club to ease the life of our boys, and suggest Ruby Burbank be our chairman. She is our most active correspondent with 54 service men on her list.

make a book club work everyone the plant should bring her one or two books and let her send them on. The front of each book will be a book stating that the book comes from the Plomb team. Ruby Burbank will do the necessary, just bring the books to me if you can't bring a book, bring a card and we will buy one.

My suggestions for books are: Detective, Mystery, Damon Runyon stories, Grey books, Jack London, Louis Field, Lloyd Douglas, John Steinbeck and many others. Our boys don't like silly Ana stories or "Little Women". Just clean out the shelves and get rid of books you no longer need. Bring them the boys would enjoy.



TO PLOMB TOOLERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

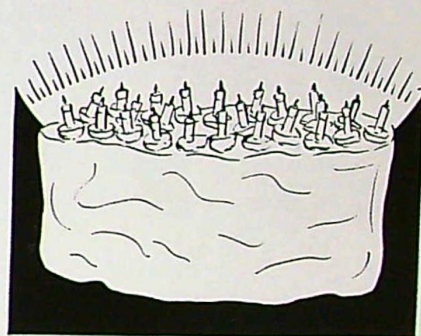
NOVEMBER

Plutarco Almedia Nov. 13, Navy
Raymond E. Brooks Nov. 14, Army
Adolf A. Jones Nov. 3, Army

DECEMBER

Daniel Chamberlain Dec. 1, Army
John W. Allen Dec. 6, Army
Barnard Austin Dec. 8th, Army
W. F. Childs Dec. 9, Navy
Norman Burr Dec. 11, Navy
Wilbur Colebank Dec. 18, Coast Guard
Francis Bottoroff Dec. 19, Army
Glen Crandall Dec. 21, Army
Arthur Frank Dec. 21, Marines
Brewster Gallup Dec. 25, Army

My thanks to Irma Nispel for help in compiling the above list. R.C.W.



2-MINUTE LETTER FOR PLOMB SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN See Reverse Side for Instructions How to Use It.

| | | |
|-------|---|--------------------|
| ----- | Would like to hear news of the Plant about..... | ----- |
| ----- | Would like to have a letter from..... | ----- |
| ----- | Say "Hello" for me to..... | ----- |
| ----- | Suggest you print news about..... | ----- |
| ----- | I will send you my photo—at once.....; Never, am too bashful..... | ----- |
| ----- | Remarks:..... | ----- |
| ----- | Rank..... | Your Birthday..... |
| ----- | Name..... | ----- |
| ----- | Address..... | ----- |
| ----- | (Fill out reverse side, too) | |

CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND MAIL IT TODAY

To Every Member of the Plomb Team in the Service

HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY
TO WRITE US A LETTER WITHOUT
MUCH TIME OR EFFORT



WHAT DA'YA MEAN IT DON'T FIT?
Do you have this kind of trouble?
Write us about it!



If you're "baking a new cookie," WRITE US! Let your "sweetie-pie" back home know she's got competition!

How About a Letter From You?

IT WILL TAKE JUST 120 SECONDS FLAT — TRY IT!



THIS is the editor — believe it or not — I'll see that your letters are answered.

Just in case you didn't use the Handy Form printed in last week's Anvil Chorus to get off a two-minute letter to us, we're re-printing it so you can "do it now."

ALL OF THE PLOMB GANG would appreciate hearing from you boys and girls in the service. So get out your pen or pencil and fill in the blank and put it in an envelope and send it on its way. All of these 2-minute letters will appear in Anvil Chorus.

While you're digging for protection against what's coming tomorrow — we're digging too — digging to buy more bonds to help you sound taps for the Japs — and cook Hitler's goose for Christmas . . . AND BRING YOU BACK HOME SOONER.



If you enjoy this sort of thing — WRITE US, you're unique.



If you just like to stay settin' when sumpin' gorgeous happens along — WRITE US, you story-teller!



If you're having your troubles — WRITE US! We've got 'em, too, and you know "Misery Loves Company."

A "TWO-MINUTE LETTER" TO ANVIL CHORUS

My health has been—Fine.....; Fair.....; Not so Good.....; Wish
that.....was here; My present
activity consists of.....; What
I like best about the service is.....;
Am looking forward to.....;
I get into town—Often.....; Infrequently.....;
Have enjoyed.....

(Fill out reverse side, too)

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